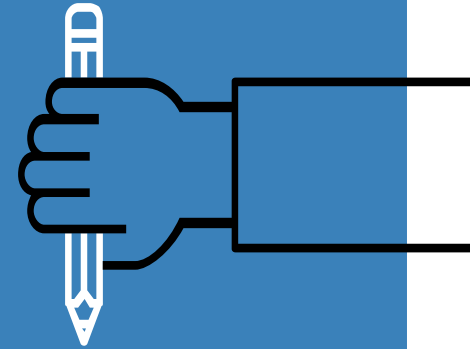




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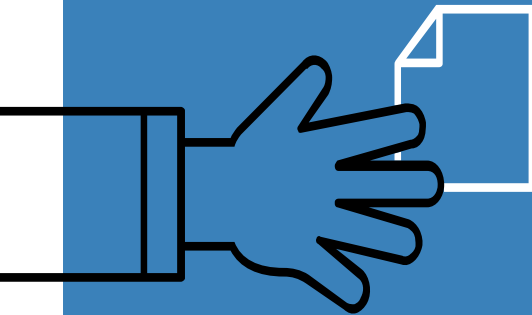


# Strategic Plan Update



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Student Advisory Council  
Presenters:

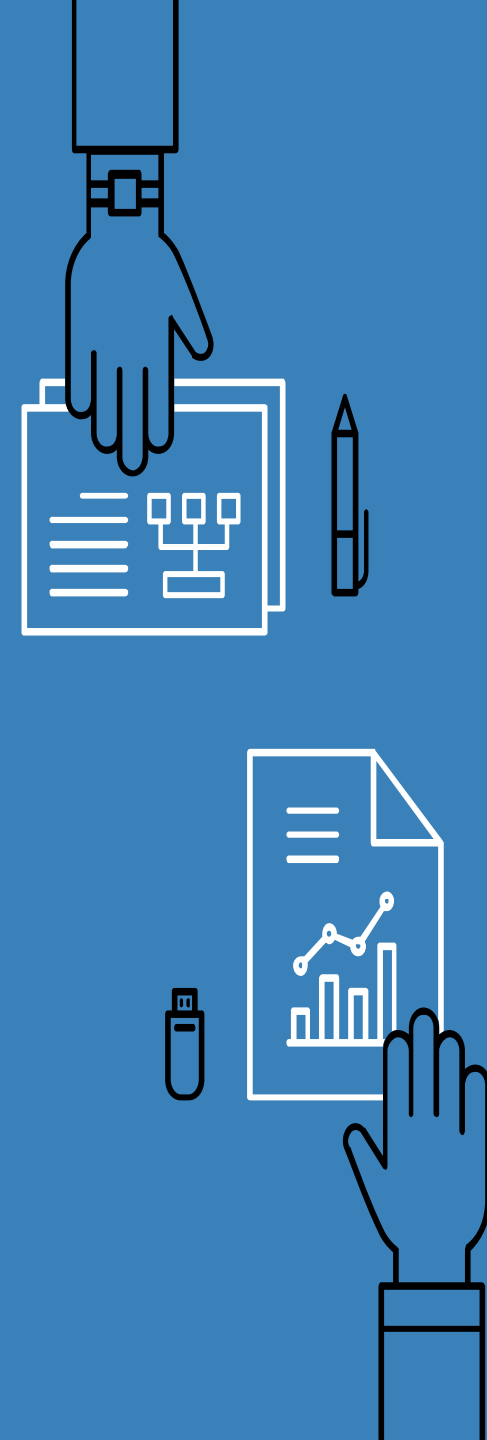
Mahitha Ratakonda - Elgin High School  
Logan Iott - South Elgin High School  
Dhanvi Dhandapani - Bartlett High School  
Thomas Akemann - Larkin High School



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# Student Summit

- March 27, 2025
- Approximately 220 students participated from all 7 high schools
- Superintendent Advisors facilitated table top conversations in four areas:
  - ◆ STUDENT IDENTITY AND CONNECTION
  - ◆ POST-SECONDARY OPPORTUNITY/SUCCESS
  - ◆ STUDENT SAFETY & WELL-BEING
  - ◆ ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES



# Student Identity & Connection

Based on feedback from all high schools, our biggest takeaways in the area of Student Identity & Connection were:

## → Student Voice on School Policy

- Strong support for student voice
  - These opportunities are typically unknown
  - Need more promotion of clubs such as PSAB, SSAC, etc

## → Personal Identity

- Students feel strongly represented; greater promotion of these clubs
- These clubs are represented through the Annual Multicultural Fest (at all 4 schools)

## → Methods for Support

- Deans, teachers, and other staff are seen as adults students can reach out to





# Post-Secondary Opportunity/Success

Based on feedback from all high schools, our biggest takeaways in the area of Post-Secondary Opportunity/Success were:

## → Lack of Knowledge

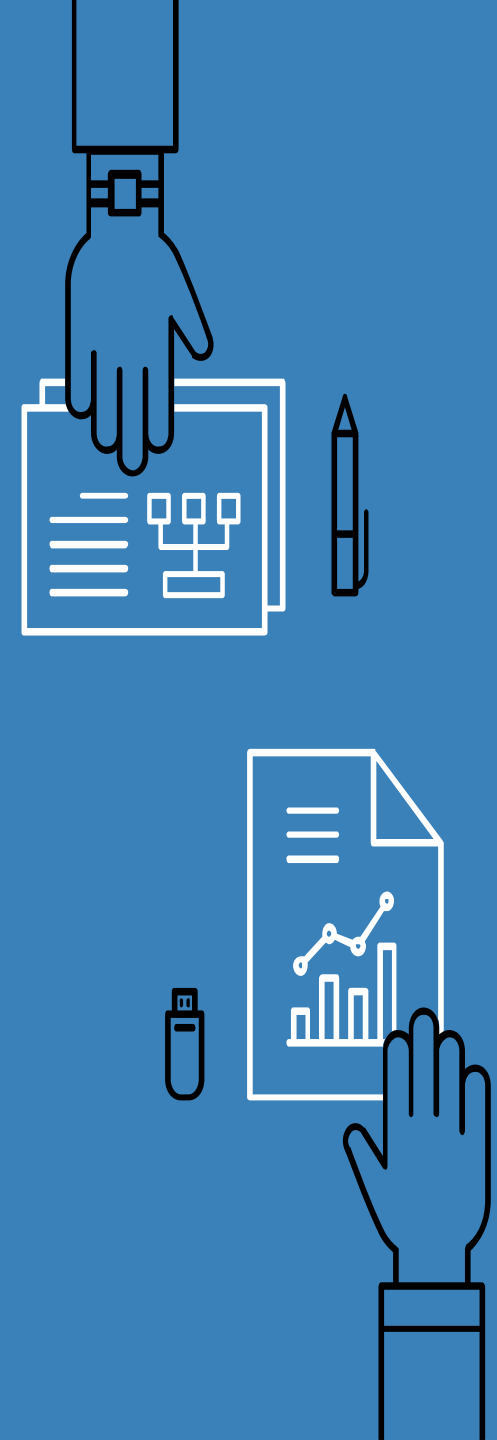
- Programs are not promoted enough
- Post secondary opportunities should be emphasized earlier in high school

## → AVID activities

- AVID should be promoted for post-secondary success beyond organizational/secondary support
- Resources within this course should be available for all students (outside of the AVID program)

## → Promotion in Early Years

- Students oftentimes do not worry about college/post high opportunities until their Junior or early Senior years



# Student Safety & Well Being

Based on feedback from all high schools, our biggest takeaways in the area of Student Safety & Well Being were:

## → Safety Concerns

- Parking lots
- ID scanning systems

## → Rule Enforcement

- Lack of discipline in schools
- Attendance goals and incentives

## → School Safety Communication

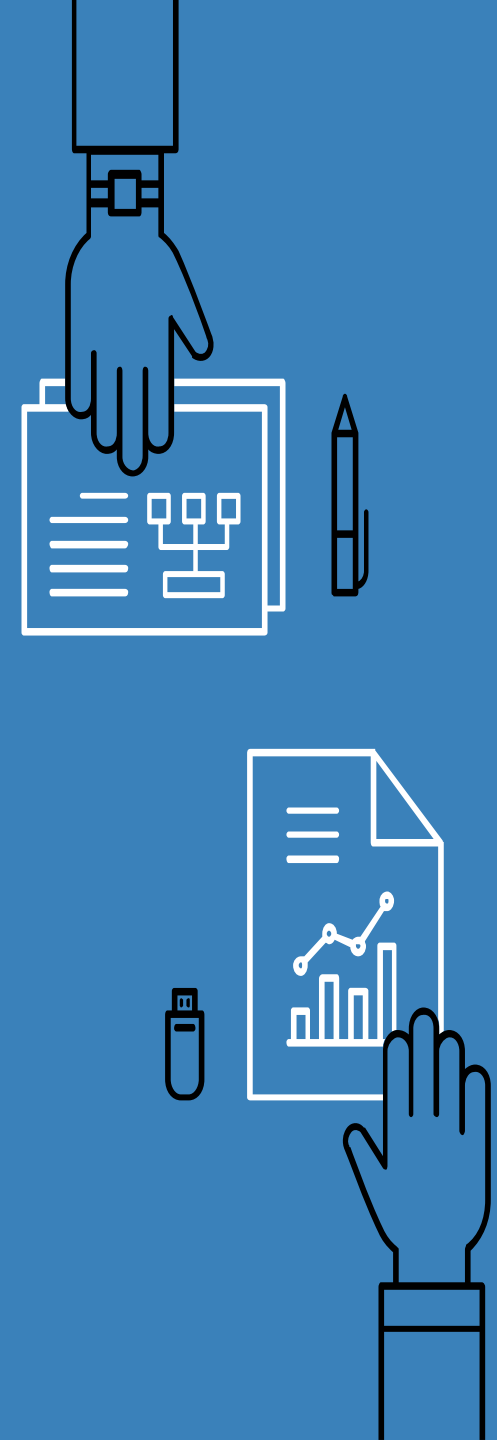
- Transparency in emergency situations
- Improve emergency training for staff and students (run, hide, fight; secure building vs. hold in place; etc.)

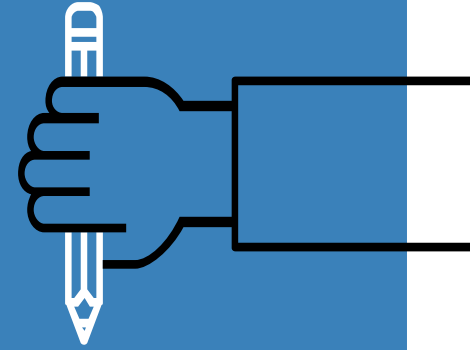


# Academic Opportunities

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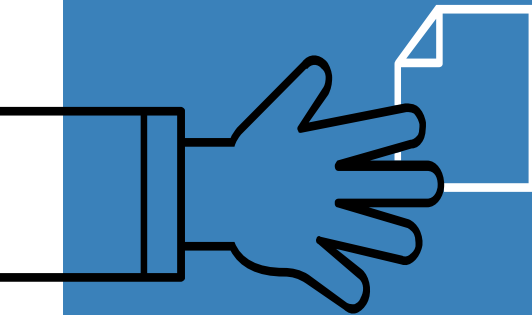
- **Academic Transitions Between Schools**
  - Create shadow days for incoming freshman based on career interests
  - Club/career fairs
- **Magnet Academies**
  - Eliminate the lottery system
  - Admit students based on merit and passion
  - Have prerequisite classes based on the kind of academy
- **Course Pathways for Career Goals**
  - Pamphlets with courses, clubs, 4-year plan, and opportunities based on career interests & Alumni
  - Life skills classes (e.g. financial literacy)





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Members:

Leonor Nevarez - Streamwood High School  
Madison Fabin-Perez - Elgin High School



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# Illinois State Board of Education Student Advisory Council & Student Summit

The objective of the ISBE Student Advisory Council:

- To amplify student voice by providing input on education policy and promoting positive change in school environments and outcomes

## → Student Summit Topics

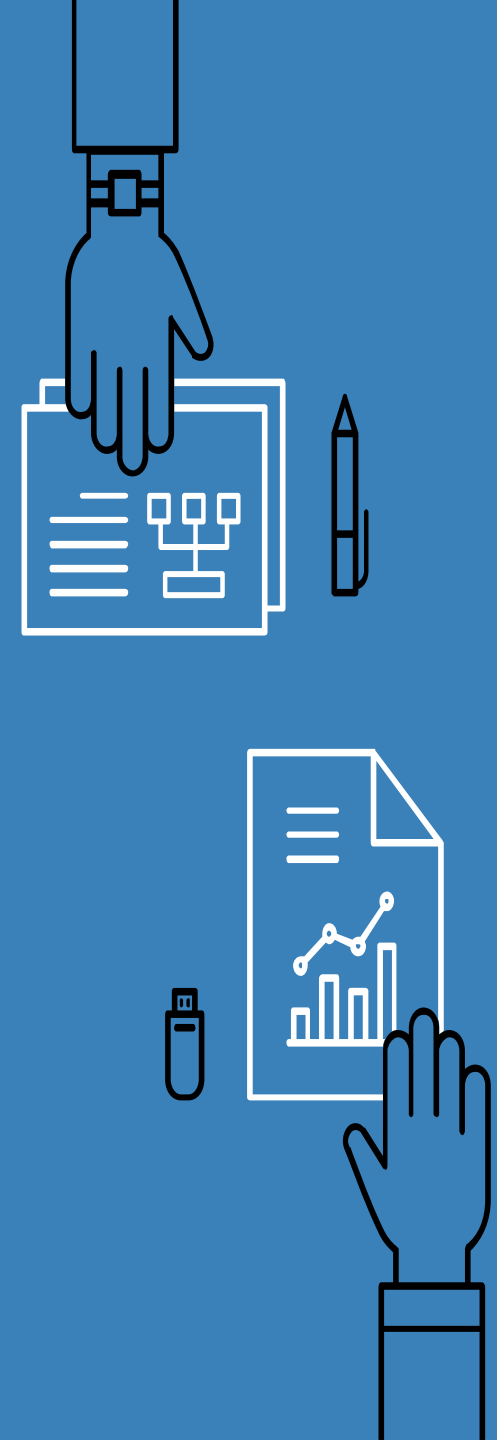
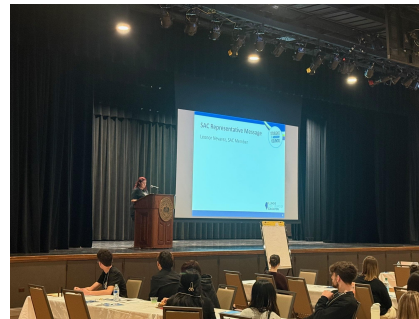
### → Mental Health Resources and Initiatives

- Students need trusted adults and better access to mental health resources in schools
- They also want less academic pressure and better mental health education

### → Education Options & Counseling

### → Student Engagement in School

### → Curriculum and Resources





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